

I am concerned that the proposal by the electric power industry to deploy BPL poses a serious threat of interference to Amateur Radio reception. As a licensed Amateur Radio operator, I know that the potentially large increase in the HF and VHF spectrum ambient noise level from power line radiation of BPL transmissions will undermine my ability to receive weak signals. In the event of a national emergency, hams will be (and have been) called upon to support emergency telecommunications when commercial service fails or is overloaded, just as it has done in untold circumstances in the past. Weak signal reception is what hams are trained to deal with, and if they cannot receive such signals because of BPL noise, then they cannot be nearly as effective in emergency situations. Moreover, it is virtually certain that transmissions from my station and thousands of others like it will cause havoc to the BPL service, which in turn will result in massive, highly aggressive levels of complaints to the Commission and calls for Congressional action. I support the comments filed in this proceeding by the ARRL, and I ask that the Commission either terminate this proceeding now or call upon representatives of interested parties to work toward a consensus on these interference issues as a condition to BPL deployment. Thank you W8ZA